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**USTR ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGES**

The Office of the United States Trade Representative today announced several staff changes. David Shark, Deputy Assistant USTR for Environment and Natural Resources, has been appointed as USTR's Deputy Chief of Mission in Geneva. Mary Latimer, Deputy Assistant USTR for Asia and the Pacific, will replace David Shark.

"These staff changes show the depth and professionalism of the USTR staff," said United States Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky. "David Shark has made a significant contribution to U.S. trade policy throughout his long career at USTR and he will continue to play a valuable role at our Mission in Geneva. Mary Latimer, who has played a key role in our Asia and Pacific division, will now bring her skills and knowledge to making sure that U.S. trade policy is consistent with our commitment to promoting environmental protection around the world. I look forward to working with them in their new roles."

David Shark has been employed with USTR since 1980 in a number of important policy and negotiating positions. He has served as Deputy Assistant USTR for Environment and Natural Resources since 1995. Prior to this assignment, he served as Deputy Assistant USTR for Europe and the Middle East, Deputy Assistant USTR for Trade Policy Coordination, Executive Director of the Generalized System of Preferences (where he implemented the then new labor standards requirements of the program), and as a member of USTR's staff in Geneva during the Uruguay Round .

Mary Latimer has worked in the Asia-Pacific and APEC Offices since 1995 as the Deputy Assistant USTR for Asia and the Pacific; Director for Korean Affairs; Director for Korean, ASEAN, and Indonesian Affairs; and Director for APEC Affairs. She has negotiated commitments on trade in motor vehicles, steel, and agriculture/SPS issues. Prior to coming to USTR, Mary was a professional staff member on the Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade, where she was responsible for legislation in areas including U.S.-Asia, U.S.-Africa, and East/West trade; labor issues; agricultural trade; economic sanctions; and then-"MFN" status. Before joining the Committee staff, Mary served as former Congressman Don Pease's (OH) Legislative Assistant for trade and labor where she developed legislation on worker adjustment assistance.